

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARQUIS TOWNSEND,

Defendant.

Case No. 20-CR-32-1-JPS

ORDER

On February 11, 2020, the grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging Defendant with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, and being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2), and 924(c)(1)(A)(i). (Docket #1). On September 11, 2020, the parties entered into a plea agreement as to Count One of the Indictment. (Docket #27).

The parties appeared before Magistrate Judge William E. Duffin on September 30, 2020 to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. (Docket #31). Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to Count One of the Indictment. (*Id.*) After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Duffin determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, and that the offense charged was supported by an independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offense. (Docket #32).

On September 30, 2020, Magistrate Judge Duffin filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea

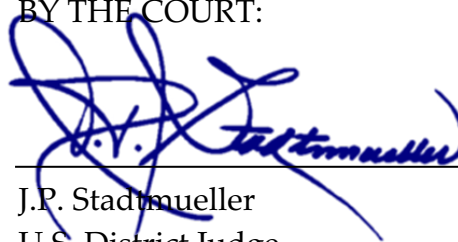
of guilty be accepted, (2) a pre-sentence investigation be conducted and report prepared, and (3) Defendant be adjudged guilty, and sentence be imposed accordingly. (*Id.* at 2). Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. (*Id.*) To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Duffin's recommendation and, having received no objection thereto, will adopt it.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Magistrate Judge William E. Duffin's Report and Recommendation (Docket #32) be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 10th day of November, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



J.P. Stadtmueller
U.S. District Judge